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SUBJECT: JUSTICE OFFICIAL DESIRES TO INTERVIEW ALFRED
HERBERT ABOUT BANK HOFMANN CASE

1. ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY IRA SORKIN, SOUTHERN DISTRICT
OF NEW YORK, WOULD LIKE TO INTERVIEW ALFRED HERBERT, A
FORMER OFFICER OF THE NOW-DEFUNCT BANK HOFMANN. THE
EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DETERMINE WHETHER HERBERT WOULD
BE WILLING TO TRAVEL TO A GERMAN CITY, AT USG EXPENSE, TO
MEET WITH SORKIN (THE TIME AND PLACE COULD BE ARRANGED
LATER).

2. ALTHOUGH HERBERT, ONE OF THE PERSONS INDICTED IN THIS
CASE, ONCE HAD EXPRESSED SOME WILLINGNESS TO TALK WITH
US OFFICIALS-- PRESUMABLY TO BARGAIN, THE EMBASSY MIGHT
FIND HIS CURRENT ATTITUDE AFFECTED BY THE RECENT CONVICTION
OF CODEFENDANTS PHILIP STOLLER AND MARTIN FRANK AND THE
GUILTY PLEA OF CODEFENDANT JEROME ALLEN. KISSINGER

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